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INTERVIEW SUMMARY AND REMARKS

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Sir:

Further to the Notice of Appeal filed on April 22, 2005, and in summary of telephone interviews with Supervisory Patent Examiner Picard on June 16, 2005 and June 21, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following information.

The pending claims of the present application were rejected in a Final Official Action on October 25, 2005. A Response to the Final Official Action was filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 on January 25, 2005. Furthermore, according to the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, a Notice of Allowability was "counted" for the Examiner on February 22, 2005. However, Applicant has not yet received a Notice of Allowance for the present application.

Additionally, Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal for the present application on April 22, 2005, with an appropriate Request for Extension of Time. The initial period for filing

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an Appeal Brief expires on June 22, 2005. Applicant's representative, Joshua M. Povsner, contacted Supervisory Patent Examiner Picard on June 16, 2005 and on June 21, 2005 to discuss the status of the present application. The Supervisory Patent Examiner assured Applicant's representative that Applicant is under no obligation at this time to submit any additional papers or fees in order to maintain the pendency of the present application, as a Notice of Allowability has been "counted" for the Examiner on February 22, 2005 (as indicated by a listing on the Patent Application Information Retrieval system).

Accordingly, based upon the above, Applicant respectfully submits that he is under no obligation at this time to submit any additional papers or fees in order to maintain the pendency of the present application.

Nevertheless, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee necessary to maintain the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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